



Head Teacher's May Newsletter 2017

Class Photos

Smile please! Class photos will be taken this Thursday so please make sure your child is in full school uniform (purple sweater or cardigan, white polo shirt/shirt or blouse, lilac gingham summer dress, black trousers or skirt). The photographer will also be taking the Year 6 special composition and individual portraits for their Leaver's Year Book gift.



Sports Day Dates

Key Stage 2-Juniors = Wednesday 14th June.

Foundation Phase-Infants = Thursday 15th June.

(Please note that we have had to change the original date of the Foundation Phase Sports Day that appeared on our school calendar.)

Both Sports Day events begin at 1:30pm on our school field. Spectators will be allowed on to the field from 1:15pm. Fingers crossed for sunny weather and believe it or not, I am still unable to control the weather. In the event of poor weather, I will make a decision as soon as possible to cancel.



Year 6 "Bike Ability" Course

Year 6 children are being given the opportunity to learn how to be a safe cyclist when out and about on their bikes. The "Bike Ability" instructors will be in school for 3 days to put the children through their paces on two wheels. To take part, a child must have a safe, road-worthy bike of appropriate size. It must have working brakes, tyres with a decent tread and all moving parts in working order. A helmet is also essential. More details soon.

New 'Petite Acting Academy' Sessions



If your child is interested in drama, these sessions are superb. Not only do they develop creativity, they help children to improve confidence, self-esteem and many other vital skills. Classes will run for 6 weeks from 7th June every Wednesday 3:15 to 4:15pm in the school hall. The 6 sessions will cost £25.00. If you are interested, please text your child's name, Year group, class and the letters WWS to 07980 189913. Payment can be brought into school or a transfer payment directly into the Petite Acting Academy, Barclay's Bank - sort code

20-69-85 account number 53994937 (for reference, please put WWS and your child's name. All Petite staff have an enhanced DBS clearance and have experience at working with children aged 1 to 11yrs. For more information visit their website at www.petiteactingacademy.co.uk.

Good Night Mr Birks!

Back due to popular demand, our community needs to once again learn and honour the local Buckley hero. Our amazing children will be retelling the story of Fred Birks with a new version of our original festive script. Performances will be held in two community events at Hawkesbury Theatre and also in our school hall. Tickets are on sale in the school office.

Hawkesbury Theatre = Wed. 12th and Thurs. 13th July 6.30pm

Westwood Hall = Mon 17th 6.30pm and Tues 18th July 1:30pm

All tickets are £2.50 each

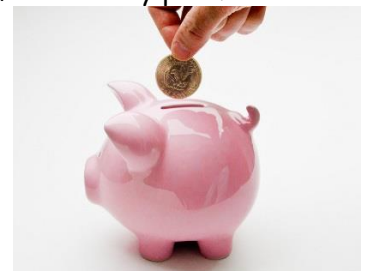


Reception and Nursery Dancefest Performances!

It's that time of year again when our fantastic Nursery and Reception pupils are working hard on their dance routines in school to perform in front of an audience at Theatr Clywd. Reception Class perform on the evening of 21st June and Nursery on Wednesday 7th June at 11am. Tickets are available for both events from the Theatr Clwyd Box Office on 0845 3303565. School do not supply the tickets.

KS2 Nat West 'Money Sense' Workshops

This Thursday, we have arranged for Nat West Bank to be in school delivering essential money skills workshops to our children called 'Money Sense'. Learning how to save money and know how the financial word works is an essential skill to develop for the future. The children who took part in this initiative will receive a free activity pack.





Popcorn on Sale

This Friday, popcorn will be on sale during morning break for 50p per cup. We only have a limited amount and there will not be enough for all children therefore, it will only be available for Key Stage 2 pupils. I cannot guarantee that all children will have a cup so please don't be disappointed if we are unable to meet the demand. As this is the final day of half term, we will only have a limited amount of fruit left to avoid any unsold items and waste. If you are worried that your child may go without a snack due to popcorn sell-out and diminished fruit stock, please ensure your child brings in their own fruit for this day. We will prioritise Foundation Phase children to supply their fruit snack needs.

Well Done Westwood Runners!

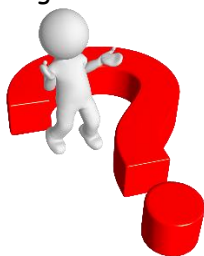
Congratulations to Miss Hughes and Mrs Whitehead who both completed the Chester half marathon at the weekend. Top effort ladies!!

Westwood Community Primary School OPEN DAY

On Saturday 15th July, the doors of Westwood will be open for all community members to enjoy some fun events, stalls, food and a guided tour of the school site. We really do have a school to be proud of and I need you all to spread the word to get as many visitors as possible to this event. We need our school population to grow so not only do we need our own Westwood families to join us, we need to bring in the wider Buckley community. More details will follow.

Parent Questionnaire

I have created an important questionnaire for parents to be completed over the next two weeks. You will find the questionnaire on our school website. It becomes 'live' at 8:30am on Thursday 25th May until 10:00pm on Monday 5th June. Your responses form an essential part of our self-evaluation process that feeds directly into school improvement planning.



Weekend Open Day Stall

A huge thank you to the staff, children and our Chair of Governors who were able to invest their time to organise and run a Westwood CP School stall during the Open Day event last weekend. Not only did we manage to raise over £200, we succeeded in raising the positive profile of our school.



Main Gate Worries

I know the school ground is an ideal place to meet up with friends doing the school run but I urge you **not** to stand in groups next to our school gate entrance. It is rather intimidating for other parents to walk through and it also causes an obstruction on the pavement. Some parents and their children are avoiding the main gate and are putting themselves in danger by walking through the staff car park.

Code of Conduct Reminder

I would also like to alert parents and carers to our 'Code of Conduct' when in and around our school site. Over last 7 years we have collectively worked immensely hard to improve the profile of Westwood CP School throughout the Buckley community. Any infringements of this code of conduct will be dealt with accordingly. A copy of the Code of Conduct can be found on our website. The vast majority of our parents and site users behave in an exemplary way and I know several concerns have been shared with school staff in relation to inappropriate language, smoking next to the main gate (including e-cigarettes), inappropriately shouting at children or not effectively observing their young children as they wait for juniors to exit school.

Thank you for your support. Mr Nicholson.

